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**Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
Executive Officer's Report
August 17, 2011**

New Volunteer Staff

- **Jim Kuhn, Ph.D., Volunteer**, received his doctorate degree in East-West Psychology, with an emphasis in Ecopsychology, from the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco. He published a paper, Toward an Ecological Humanistic Psychology, in the Journal of Humanistic Psychology. Jim's environmental activities included serving as a regional coordinator for the Northern California Earth Institute, promoting an ecological worldview through educational programs, and as a volunteer naturalist guide for the Nature Conservancy's Cosumnes River Preserve. Jim currently is an adjunct professor at Sierra College and a volunteer for the Delta Conservancy.
- **Kendra Bruno, Masters Student Intern**, Kendra is currently studying Natural Resources and Peace at the University for Peace in Costa Rica. She received her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Spanish, from the University of the Pacific, Stockton. She taught English in Spain for a year and was selected by the Rotary Club as an Ambassadorial Scholar to the University for Peace. She's currently working on her thesis, Ecological Impacts in the Delta

Outreach - Delta Meeting Matrix (Attachment 6.2)

- Staff will report on recent Meet the Delta Conservancy meetings that took place in early August. The attached matrix summarizes the most recent events and lists key dates for July, August, and September meetings.

Conservancy Budget Update

- Spring Finance Letter Update – Delta Conservancy received an additional \$165,000 for FY 11-12. These funds are from the Environmental License Plate Fund and are to be used for leasing a new facility and strategic plan development. This is a one-time budget augmentation, additional funding will be requested as part of the Budget Change Proposal (BCP) process for FY 12-13.
- FY 12-13 Budget Change Proposal (BCP) - Resources Agency approved two BCP Concept papers for the Conservancy. Conservancy staff are in the process of preparing full BCP packages, due to Resources by 8/26/11 and Department of Finance by 9/14/11. The first BCP will request \$65,000 from the Environmental License Plate Fund for leasing a new office facility. The second BCP will request approximately \$120,000

from the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) (as part of the original CALFED funds) to cover administrative services and IT support through contracts with other State agencies. Both BCP requests are for permanent augmentation to the Conservancy's budget. Conservancy staff met with Joe Grindstaff and Terry Macaulay of the DSC to discuss proposed BCP and DSC is agreeable to providing the funding.

Conservancy Office Space Update

- Conservancy staff are working with Department of General Services to finalize lease for new space. It is anticipated the move will occur by the end of 2011.

Conservancy Correspondence (Attachment 6.3)

- Board Letter to Senator Steinberg

Future Funding Sources Update

- Staff will report on recent meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss possibility of moving funds for environmental education to the Conservancy. Staff will also report on efforts to ensure the Conservancy has the appropriate budget authorities to be able to make local assistance and subvention grants in the future.